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5 May 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Allen Dulles Estate Records

1. Mr. Houston was invited to have lunch with Mrs. Dulles yesterday. Present at the luncheon was a Mr. F. Garner Ranney who gave Mr. Houston the attached memorandum, dated 5 April 1971, titled "Papers of Allen W. Dulles."

2. Mr. Houston stated that he does not know the association of Ranney vis-a-vis the Dulles family; however, he appears to be knowledgeable concerning various files which Mr. Dulles maintained. It appears that he is now pressing Mrs. Dulles for some information contained in the Dulles papers--the reason for such interest being unknown to Mr. Houston.

3. Mr. Houston has talked to [REDACTED] who asked if the Office of Security could attempt to locate the papers mentioned in the Ranney memorandum so that he can review them when he next returns to work as a consultant for several days beginning on 19 May. [REDACTED] comments on the specific sections of Mr. Ranney's 5 April 1971 paper are also attached for whatever assistance they may be.

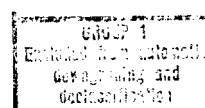
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4. In view of the recent occurrences, would you please attempt to identify the papers mentioned in order that [REDACTED] can examine them to determine whether or not they can be released to the estate. It is suggested that you make a careful distinction between papers now contained among those which are unclassified and those which have already been determined to be either classified or of sufficient sensitivity to require their being held by the Agency.

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(These determinations have been made by either [REDACTED] or by [REDACTED] during their examinations to date.) Also, please continue to keep careful records of any papers removed from the existing lots as a result of this exercise. This is necessary in order to return them to their respective positions after Mr. [REDACTED] examination. Also, we want to continue to remain in a position whereby each paper can be accounted for if the need arises.

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Attachments

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